--- 14 Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 200% scale ---

--- recess printed in BLACK ink ---

At one time the collection contained a copy of the *coarse roulette* fourteen cigarette stamp **RC-138** - but I traded this to Ed Richardson for some Cape Breton Law stamps. Thus it is **WANTED!** Both copies of the perforated brownish-black die proof are either *trial colour* proofs, or *off-shade* brownish-black proofs.

Under the Budget of 1922 the excise duty on *small* cigarettes was increased to $ 7.50 per thousand, and on *large* cigarettes to $ 12.50 per thousand, which may have caused a halt to the production of the fourteen cigarette package.

★**RC-137** - 14 cigarettes, perf 12,
coded **6-17 / CIGARETTES / 9 1920**

★**RC-137 SP** - 14 cigarettes, perf 12,
stamped ***Sample*** in script

★**RC-137 DP** - 14 cigarettes, brownish-black
die proof on india paper

★**RC-139** - 14 cigarettes, imperf,
coded **1-18-E / 104** by Tuckett Tobacco

★**RC-137 DP** - 14 cigarettes, the brownish-black die proof [F -190] on india paper

--- the fourteen Cigarette Plate for RC-137 ---

[These two paragraphs are taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan.]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the CBN cigarette plate No. 1 for the 14 cigarette, "Series of 1897", stamp. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal. In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die F-190 for the "Series of 1915" fourteen cigarette stamp. No example of a "Series of 1915" fourteen cigarette stamp has been recorded, and it seem obvious from the numbering on the above die proof that *Sims* was in ***error*** about the date of the die which should have been listed as from the "Series of 1897".

[These 260 impression plates were probably arranged - 2 by (10 x 13) stamps - JBH]

--- 14 Cigarettes - the “Imperial Tobacco” cancellation collection - 5 copies to date ---

6-17 / CIGARETTES / 9 1918

[★RC-137]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1918	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	---	---	---
1919	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1920	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	9	---	---	---
1921	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	---
1922	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1923	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	10	---	---
1924	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1925	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1926	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

4 and 9 were taken from eBay, and are not in the collection.

--- 14 Cigarettes - the “Tuckett Tobacco” cancellation collection - 4 copies to date ---

--- cancellation reading vertically down ---

1-18-E / CIGARETTES / I 33

[★RC-139]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1933	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**I 33**	**---**	**---**	**---**

--- cancellation reading vertically down ---

1-18-E / 54

[★RC-139]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1934	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**54**	**---**	**---**	**84**	**---**	**104**	**---**	**---**
1935	**15**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**

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